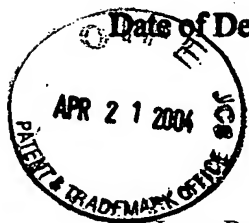


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Responsive to the Office Action of December 22, 2003, please amend claim 15, as follows: